

A LAND OF GREAT DISTANCES.

THE VASTNESS OF SOUTH AFRICA APPALS THE TRAVELLER.

Civilization Looks Out of Place as the Train Crosses the Veldt—Beautiful Mornings and Sunsets and Days of Quiet, but Nasty Nights—A Changeless Land.

It is fashionable to allude to a railway journey in South Africa in tones of thinly veiled scorn and contempt, to condemn it as tiresome, complete of it as uninteresting, says a writer in the *Pull Bull Gazette*. There is space—almost unmeasured space. And that is all. Through the East the traveller lives in the past. He feels, if he has any imagination at all, that for the moment he has become part of an ancient civilization which still survives the train and the telegraph; he moves through cities with a story in every stone; each mile brings new pictures of the might and wealth which fill the most enchanting pages in the book of history.

In America you cross a land of the future. The cities are marvels of inventive genius; even away in the country there is an echo of the hum of restless enterprise, the murmur of a people content they are hurrying on to realize a great destiny.

But across the great plateau of South Africa you seem to live always in the present. It becomes a dominating idea. You cannot picture a past like the silent protest against the intruder. The country clings to the old, and it looks as if it will always be as it is. The slender thread of steel which crosses its illimitable space, the little towns set down at such great distances from one another, play no part in the scene. They are there, it is true; but they look fortuitous, out of place. Trains clang across the Karoo, and pant up the hillsides from Natal; but the vast, unbroken heart of Africa and its speed will seem to slacken. Steam cannot eat up the distances of such a continent, and there are no contrasts, no near landmarks, by which to measure the onward rush.

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grand scenery; but the winding descent is disappointing. The hills look low, the valley is not deep. The country which stretches away around you is too immense. No picture could look imposing as in such an enormous frame.

This is the last, as it is the first, impression of a South African railway journey. Space, silence, vastness. There are snow-capped mountains, swift running rivers, forest, bush, hill, valley, upland, desert. There is much that is striking, many things that are novel; but the greatest, the most wondrous thing, the impression that remains when the others have become a blur, is the distance. This is a land of great distances. It fascinates you. Finally, it depresses you. What can man do with such a land; a land which has never changed in course of centuries? We build and scratch in little corners, but we have done nothing which really counts. The space is too great. The veldt is as it was—and always will be.

NOT A LAWSON AT ALL.

Lawyer for Young Man Arrested Says That Is Not His Real Name.

The confusion over the identity of Jackson Willis Lawson, arrested yesterday in the West Side court charged with desertion and non-support by his newly married wife, was increased when his lawyer said in court yesterday that the young man's name was not Lawson at all. Mr. Lawson said the young man told her before they were married that he was a son of Thomas W. Lawson of Boston.

T. H. McDonald, 268 Broadway, lawyer for the prisoner, asked Magistrate Wahl to discharge the young man on the ground that his relatives might be harmed. The prisoner said when arrested on Monday that he was a son of William Henry Lawson of Boston, and that his story and that of his lawyer at variance.

Magistrate Wahl granted the request, holding the prisoner in \$1,000 bail, which he is to return to furnish, for a hearing next Monday.

Mrs. Lawson's lawyer said that he had received a liberal offer of settlement of the case and believed for that reason that the prisoner came of a well to do family.

TO DO LONGWORTH'S WORK.

Son of Judge Gray Made Acting Secretary of the Intermyer Committee.

The announcement was made yesterday that the executive committee of the international polyholders' committee has appointed Andrew Gray, son of Judge Gray of Delaware, acting secretary of the committee. Congressman Nicholas Longworth will continue to serve as secretary, but the beginning of his active campaign for Congress makes it impractical for him to devote as much time to the duties of the office as he had hoped.

Mr. Gray is a well known member of the bar of Delaware, residing in Wilmington. His father, Judge Gray, is a member of the international committee. Acting Secretary Gray will devote a large part of his time to the work of the committee from now until the conclusion of the campaign in December.

Plans for the meeting of Mutual Life polyholders at the Waldorf-Astoria to-day have been perfected. James C. Colgate, who has issued the call for the meeting, refused yesterday to say what large polyholders would be present, but the complete details of the movement in support of the present management of the Mutual will be given out after the meeting.

SCHOOLSHIP ST. MARY'S IN PORT.

Reaches New London After Thirty-one Days Sail From Funchal.

NEW LONDON, Conn., Sept. 11.—The training ship St. Mary's arrived in port this morning from Funchal, after completing her annual summer cruise. The ship sailed from Funchal, Madeira, on August 11, and after a voyage of thirty-one days, she reached New London harbor the latter part of June.

The schoolship was thirty-one days on the voyage home. Two-thirds of the trip was covered in fifteen days, but the remainder was a series of head winds and calms.

The general health of the 100 boys on board was not up to the standard this year, tonsillitis and dysentery keeping the ship's doctor busy during the entire voyage. One of the boys, a son of the Governor of New York, died on the outward trip.

The schoolship will remain in port a few days so that examinations may be continued. They travel on a schooner made in Long Island Sound, after which the schoolship, which has trained hundreds of young men for the sea, will go to Glen Cove to be stripped and repaired to occupy her winter berth in New York, where her first class of thirty-five will graduate.

WILL PROTECT ITALIANS.

State Department Takes Notice of Recent Rioting in Pennsylvania.

SATYR, Pa., Sept. 11.—The appeal made by Italians of this city and vicinity, requesting them from their homes by a crowd of angry men following the murder of Watchman Messenger and the story of Black Hand threats, has been laid before the State Department.

Anthony Dabnerino appealed to the Italian Consul at Philadelphia in behalf of his fellow countrymen, and has been notified that the question will be referred to the Minister at Washington, who laid it before the State Department, and was assured that if there was any further trouble the Italians would be protected by the Government.

PRESIDENT NAMES PAYMASTERS.

Chooses Capt. Rogers for the Navy and Col. Smith for the Army.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 11.—The announcement was made today by Secretary Bonaparte that the President has chosen Paymaster General E. B. Rogers, of California, to be the first Paymaster General of the Navy, and Col. Smith, of New York, to be the first Paymaster General of the Army.

The selection of Rogers by the President ends a lively contest for the post of Paymaster-General, there having been many candidates in the Navy, and many in the Army. Mr. Rogers is a native of California, and has been in the service of the Navy for many years.

COURT-MARTIAL ORDERED.

Capt. Comly and Lieut. Pressey to Be Tried for Accidents to the Alabama.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 11.—Secretary of the Navy Bonaparte approved today the findings of the court of inquiry that investigated the collision on July 31 between the battleships Illinois and Alabama near Newport Harbor.

In accordance with the recommendations of the court Secretary Bonaparte has ordered that Capt. Samuel P. Comly, commanding the Alabama, and Lieut. Alfred W. Pressey, be tried by court-martial for neglecting the ship to danger. Lieut. Pressey was the officer of the dock at the time of the accident and is held partly responsible for it.

OBITUARY.

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John J. Thompson, who was fatally stricken with heart disease on the Pennsylvania Railroad, died on Monday evening. He was one of the most prominent residents of this city. He was 70 years old and was born in Jefferson, Pa. He was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, having served with the 10th Regiment, Pennsylvania Infantry. He is survived by three daughters and a son.

1,000 ARRESTS AT WARSAW.

Troops Search Houses for the Terrorists and Their Agents.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. WARSAW, Sept. 11.—Two hundred houses were searched by troops last night for Terrorists and 1,000 arrests were made, chiefly of Jews. Some of the prisoners are mere children, whom the Terrorists now employ to execute outrages on Government officers.

The authorities have ordered all suspects to be expelled from the city. A massacre like that at Siedlce is inevitable unless the Terrorists desert from murders.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 11.—Desperate rioting has occurred in Kamyshin, in the Province of Saratov. The people, infuriated by the arrest of a popular leader, tried to release him. They exchanged volleys with the troops. Several scores were killed or wounded.

SLAUGHTER WAS PLANNED.

Jew Survivors at Siedlce Suffering From Starvation.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Sept. 11.—Information from Jewish sources represents the massacre at Siedlce as being more than that at Bielestok. It was a deliberately planned slaughter.

The official story of a patrol being attacked, which led to the massacre, is as baseless as the alleged throwing of a bomb at a Corpus Christi procession at Bielestok. No Jews were allowed to leave the town although Christians were allowed to go. The depredations are described as monstrous.

Jews are hiding in cellars and other places without water or food. Numbers of children are dying from their privations. Panic is spreading in Warsaw and elsewhere.

One German account says that a thousand persons were killed.

RUSSIAN PAPER SUPPRESSED.

Government Objected to Comment on English Address to the Duma.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. ST. PETERSBURG, Sept. 11.—The new operation of repressive laws was put into operation to-day with the summary suppression of the leading Liberal journal, the *Oko*, formerly the *Russ*. The *Oko* published last Sunday an article warmly welcoming the address to the Duma lately drawn up by some English members of Parliament and others.

It said that the address was an international act, and that Prime Minister Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman's historical speech at the conference of interparliamentary unions in London, in the course of which he cried: "The Duma is dead; Long live the Duma!" sufficiently characterized the British Cabinet's attitude toward the Duma.

The Russian Government considered the article as subversive of public order and forbade the further publication of the *Oko*.

BRITISH PUNISH AFRICANS.

Defeat Rebels in Nigeria and Put Murderers to Death.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Sept. 11.—The steamship *Tartar*, which arrived from South Africa, brings details of severe fighting in the borderland of Benin, Southern Nigeria, which ended on August 8 in the surrender of the rebellious natives to the British. A native society called the "Silent Ones" murdered Commissioner Crews Reed in last June.

Capt. Wapling, with an expedition of native troops, was sent to recover the body, but he was wounded in the first encounter, several of his men were killed, thirty-one were wounded and he was compelled to ask for reinforcements. Capt. Rudkin, with another native force, was hurried to his assistance, and after heavy fighting succeeded in relieving Wapling.

The combined British force then vigorously attacked the rebels, who were defeated and the enemy who, though taken by surprise, fought with great courage. The severe fighting and heavy rains caused the British a loss of twenty-five dead and 100 wounded. After the capture of Owa, Reed's body was recovered and his murderers were tried and put to death. The native losses are believed to have been heavy.

FRANCE STANDS FIRM.

Cabinet Decides to Support the Separation of Church and State.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. PARIS, Sept. 11.—The Cabinet, at a meeting this afternoon, decided to apply the law on the separation of church and State, and to support the law strictly and impartially.

British Steel Tube Combination.

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LONDON, Sept. 11.—The Scottish and English steel tube trades have formed a combination. A similar combination was formed two years ago which arranged to regulate the home trade, but it collapsed within a year owing to the fact that the export interests clashed with it. The new combination has the support of American producers.

Shah Signs the Reform Decree.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

TEHRAN, Sept. 11.—The Shah has signed the ordinance granting reforms, the reactionary forces have been suppressed, and business, which had been interrupted by the agitation, has been resumed.

Prince Albrecht Seriously Ill.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

BRUNSWICK, Germany, Sept. 11.—Prince Albrecht, Regent of the Duchy of Brunswick since 1885, is seriously ill from a stroke of apoplexy.

INSPECTED N. Y. W. & B.

Comptroller Said to Be Pleased With New Bronx Rapid Transit Line.

WHITE PLAINS, Sept. 11.—Comptroller Metz, Chief Engineer Chandler Withington of the Comptroller's office and Supervising Statistician Charles F. Harvey of Manhattan made a tour in an automobile yesterday over the line of road of the New York, Westchester and Boston Railway Company, through the Bronx to the Mount Vernon end. It is understood that the Comptroller was very much pleased with the work that the company has been doing up to this time, especially as to the grade of bridge construction, which is the heaviest, so as to provide safety and stability for the four track rapid transit system.

The statistical department of Comptroller Metz's office, it is said, has completed an examination of the books of the New York, Westchester and Boston Railway Company and found that the company has more than complied with the conditions of the New York city franchise. In addition to complying with the terms, the company has done considerable more work than was directed in the franchise, which specified August 1 as the date at which certain work should be completed.

So far the company has expended about \$1,100,000 on the work. This does not include the money which has been used for purchasing the right of way through various portions of the Bronx.

The company awarded today the contract for the construction of the main power station at Eastchester, which will cost \$800,000. There will be twenty or thirty houses in Westchester county and The Bronx.

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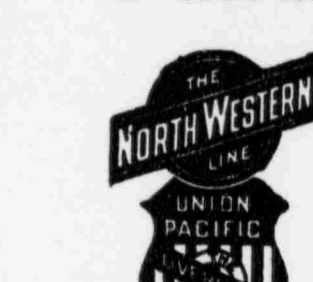
PACIFIC COAST

Second-class one-way Colonist tickets from Chicago on sale daily until October 31st, inclusive, to various points in California, Oregon and Washington.

Correspondingly low rates from all points east of Chicago.

Tickets good on the famous electric lighted Los Angeles Limited, (less than three days to Southern California without change of cars.) via the Chicago & North-Western, Union Pacific and Salt Lake Route, and on the China and Japan Fast Mail through to San Francisco and Portland daily, via the

Chicago, Union Pacific & North-Western Line



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Full particulars concerning these excursions can be secured by addressing S. A. Hutchison, Manager Tourist Department, 212 Clark Street, Chicago, or you can address for further information

H. C. CHEYNEY, General Agent, C. & N. W. Ry., 461 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

FOUND EXHAUSTED IN THE ROAD.

Mr. Ayres of South Orange, Missing Several Days, Discovered Near Pittsburgh.

SOUTH ORANGE, Sept. 11.—Word reached South Orange this afternoon that James A. Ayres of 377 Tillou road, who it seems has been missing since August 31, had been found at Mars, Pa., on Wednesday. He was incoherent when found, his clothing was torn and streaked with mud and he was completely exhausted. He will be brought home.

When found Mr. Ayres was crawling on his hands and knees along a roadway. A farmer named L. J. Link found him and took him in his wagon to Mars. His identity was a complete mystery to the authorities until the Pittsburgh police discovered in their records a secret bulletin of inquiry sent out by the New York police at the request of a New York bank officer.

The description of Mr. Ayres tallied with that of the man found by Link. The police of New York were notified and took on board Paul O. Steneland, a member of the family, left at once for Pittsburgh. A sister of the missing man, Miss Jessie Ayres, who was at home to-day, said that her brother, Nelson G. Ayres, first vice-president of the Oriental Bank, New York, arrived in Mars yesterday, and a message from him to-day had confirmed the report that he was the missing man.

Miss Ayres declared that her brother had been ill for several weeks prior to his departure and had left home without saying where he was going. Since then the secret search had been carried on. Mr. Ayres had been in business ten years ago. He is 61 years old.

At Mars Mr. Ayres said that he had intended going to Chicago, but got on the wrong train and landed in Pittsburgh two days later without any money. Then he wandered into the country.

YOUNG NORTON SUES HIS BRIDE.

Yale Freshman Alleges That She Has Been Too Friendly With Another Man.

NEW HAVEN, Sept. 11.—Formal suit was filed to-day against Mrs. Josephine Birney Norton of this city, declaring that she has been unduly friendly with George Jenkins since her marriage to Edwin Norton, a Yale freshman, last winter. The father of young Norton is Edwin Norton of 154 Riverside Drive, New York city.

They have had detectives on her track for months and say they have evidence on which to base the present suit, which will come up in the Superior Court here at the October term.

Mr. Birney went to Bridgeport on January 13 and were married by a justice of the peace. Their plan was to keep their wedding secret till after Norton's return from Europe, where he was attending the Bridgeport justice agreed to keep quiet, but he ran up against the new State law, which requires the justices to return every ceremony performed to the home of both the principals. When he sent word of the marriage it became public and Norton was taken out of college by his father.

He was sent to Europe, and the father, it is said, refused to talk the affair over with the bride. Young Norton is only 18 years old, his bride is about 25. Young Mrs. Norton said to-day that she had already taken steps to sue her father-in-law for alienating her husband's affection. She denied the charges made against her.

The Norton home in this city is closed. The caretaker said last night that the family are in Europe.

DR. BROUWER'S TRIAL GOES OVER.

Illness of Counsel Postpones New Jersey Murder Case for a Month.

TOMS RIVER, N. J., Sept. 11.—The trial of Dr. Frank Brouwer, indicted for the murder of his wife, Carrie Brouwer, which had been set for to-day, was postponed to October 8 by Supreme Court Justice Charles E. Hendrickson. Prosecutor of the Pleas J. B. Brown agreed to the request of the defense for the postponement because Edmund Wilson of Red Bank, Va., who is the defense lawyer, is in Europe this summer by his physician.

While in London three weeks ago he had a tooth pulled by a London dentist, who broke a piece of the jaw. Since then Wilson has been unable to sleep, and his illness has necessitated his going to the mountains since his return home.

Dr. Brouwer appeared in court smiling and debonair. He wore a smoking jacket and negligee shirt and he smiled as he talked with his counsel and nodded to acquaintances. He has gained twenty or thirty pounds during his imprisonment, but his face is pallid from confinement.

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HARLEM HAS A FLOOD.

Big Water Main Sags and Breaks, Sending Out Torrents.

A thirty-six inch water main on the east side of 129th street near Broadway broke yesterday morning, and the streets in that section were flooded with water, which came up from the main in torrents. A row of tenement houses is being built in front of where the break occurred, and a number of men who were at work in a five foot trench had to scramble for their lives.

Broadway at this point forms a small lowland, and in a few minutes the water was nearly a foot deep. The water shot down 129th street to the tracks of the New York Central railroad and flooded the cellar of L. M. Miller & Son's cigar factory, just west of the corner of 129th street, and put the coal yards of Farrell & Brennan temporarily out of business.

Cellars all along 129th street down to the river were flooded. The Water Department took nearly four hours to close the water gate at 135th street and Amsterdam avenue.

The Electric Subway Company is putting in a conduit along the east side of Broadway, and the laborers in digging the trench dug around the main, which, it is believed, caused it to sag. A gang of men from the Water Department was at work last night repaving the main.

STENSLAND ATTEMPTS SUICIDE.

Chicago Bank Wrecker Takes Poison at Tangier—Closely Guarded.

CHICAGO, Sept. 11.—News was received here from Tangier, Morocco, this morning that Paul O. Steneland, the defaulting president of the Milwaukee Avenue State Bank of Chicago, who is under arrest in that city awaiting return to the United States, attempted suicide to-day by taking poison.

Steneland is said to be seriously ill as a result of his attempt on his life. Twelve guards are now employed to see that he has no further chance to kill himself.

GIBRALTAR, Sept. 11.—The steamship Prinz Adalbert will call at Tangier to-morrow on her way from Genoa and Naples to take on board Paul O. Steneland, the defaulting Chicago banker, for transportation to New York.

True bills were voted by the Grand Jury to-day against Paul O. Steneland, president; Henry W. Hering, cashier, and all the directors of the Milwaukee Avenue State Bank, with the exception of Theodore O. Steneland. It is also said that Steneland, nephew of the president, was made the subject of a true bill. The indictments will be returned in to-morrow morning. Indictments were voted against Theodore Steneland for the reason that he appeared before the Grand Jury and gave evidence.

MORE RIBBONS FOR VANDERBILT.

Three Firsts Among His Collection of Sixty-Six Horses Show Prizes.

STRATFORD, N. Y., Sept. 11.—The stable of Alfred Vanderbilt was again successful at the high-steppers Sweet Marie and Polly Prim to-day, three blue ribbons, one red and one yellow going to it. Both the Venture and Viking took coach loads out to the grounds to-day. Mr. Vanderbilt was the whip of the Venture, and Charles Vanderbilt was the whip of the Viking. Mr. Vanderbilt was Donald Day, king of the carnival, with which the town is now on fire, and Mrs. Day, Miss Beulah Chase Dodge, queen of the carnival; Mayor Forbes and party.

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